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FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME)
Docket No. AI 264NP)

**INFORMATION
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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, within the time period specified by 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d).

A Form PTO 1449 and copies of the six references listed therein are attached. All of the references are written in the Japanese language. English language information about the relevance of five of the attached references is provided in the form of Patent Abstracts of Japan summaries, and four of these references are also accompanied by machine-generated English translations. English language information about the relevance of the sixth reference (Japanese 2000-156461) is provided in the form of two counterpart US patents (5,977,640 and 6,294,406).

The references identified on the attached Form PTO 1449 were cited in Office Actions by the Japanese Patent Office on two of the Japanese priority applications for the present US application. Both Japanese Office Actions are dated April 25, 2006.

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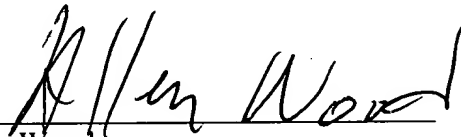
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